



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on December 19, 2003, Application Serial Number 10/742,128. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry along with the accompanying Petition to Make Special. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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